

NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS DAY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that I take this time to recognize National Civil Rights Day, which was designated by the 100th United States Congress and proclaimed by President Ronald Reagan on August 12, 1987. On this historic occasion, we remember the struggle and perseverance of the brave leaders of the Civil Rights Movement who passionately fought for equal justice and opportunity under the law, while celebrating and honoring the lives of the countless individuals who tirelessly led the charge to create a better America, from President Abraham Lincoln to Susan B. Anthony to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On this day, we also take the time to reflect on the continued efforts being made every day toward securing and protecting life and liberty for every citizen of our great nation.

On August 28, 1963, Dr. King led an estimated 250,000 people in the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Through his words and actions, Dr. King inspired his generation, as well as generations to come, while promoting racial equality in the United States. He was a peaceful human rights activist who denounced violence as a means to communicate. For his vision and work toward a just society, he was the youngest recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. King is worthy of the highest praise and continues to be the truest example of all that is good and noble in the struggle for equality and freedom.

The work of Dr. King and each individual who sought positive change during the Civil Rights Movement has strengthened the resolve of future generations. The lasting legacy of these individuals has transformed society in Northwest Indiana, throughout the United States, and beyond. At home in Northwest Indiana, our communities have, for decades, been fortunate to have outstanding leaders of all races, genders, and creeds who have led by example and dedicated themselves to the ideals inspired by the Civil Rights Movement, those of justice, equality, and freedom. Northwest Indiana is also the proud home to many community groups and individuals that have given of their time and greatest efforts to ensure that our civil rights are protected.

I also congratulate the efforts of former Gary, Indiana Mayor Richard Hatcher who, in 1967, was one of two African Americans elected to serve as mayor of a large city. This marked the first time in our nation's history that an African American would hold this office. Following his twenty years of service in this capacity, Mayor Hatcher has continued to work on many projects throughout Northwest Indiana. His proposal for the National Civil Rights Hall of Fame in Gary will honor and recognize the great contributions of those who challenged American culture and whose shoulders we currently stand on as we work to secure a truly fair, just, and tolerant society.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in commemorating National Civil Rights Day. We are honored to take this time to remember those who fight so courageously for equality, and we thank them for their perseverance, sacrifice,

and struggle. The significance of National Civil Rights Day will continue to hold special meaning for generations to come.

IN HONOR OF LEROY JOHNSON
FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FI-
NALIST FOR THE 2018 WYOMING
JEFFERSON AWARD

HON. LIZ CHENEY

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LeRoy Johnson on being selected as a finalist for the 2018 Wyoming Jefferson Award. He deserves to be very proud of this prestigious recognition.

The Jefferson Award is the most revered award for public service in Wyoming. It was created with the goal of honoring individuals who enrich the communities and may otherwise go unnoticed. The award emphasizes the importance of serving local communities and that one person can indeed make a difference. In Wyoming, a panel of five judges independently score nominated individuals and determine four finalists, including one winner.

LeRoy Johnson has dedicated the past 27 years of his life to serving his community. After retiring in 1991, LeRoy and his wife, Inez, moved to Sheridan, Wyoming and immediately started to volunteer around the community. He first got involved in the Trinity Lutheran Church and the Sheridan Senior Center. He started as a driver for the Home Delivered Meals Program when he moved, and has been delivering meals every week since then. He also volunteers at the VA Hospital, where he connects with his fellow veterans while making coffee and visiting with them and their families.

LeRoy is respected by the community and has touched the lives of many in it. Although he is 90 years old now, he has never stopped helping others. Whether he is ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas, helping his children, or promoting stewardship and agriculture education, LeRoy is always striving to improve his community.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate LeRoy Johnson for being selected as a finalist for the 2018 Wyoming Jefferson Award and thank him for his countless contributions to his community. He and his family deserve to be extremely proud of all his hard work and of this recognition.

IN OPPOSITION TO AMENDMENT
NO. 147 TO H.R. 4 FAA REAU-
THORIZATION ACT OF 2018

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to Amendment No. 147 to H.R. 4, the "FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018," the intent of which is to direct nonstop flights from Reagan National Airport (DCA) to San Antonio, Texas.

I oppose the amendment for several reasons.

First, Amendment 147 would arbitrarily alter the number of flights that are permitted to go beyond the federally mandated 1,250 mile perimeter rule around Reagan National Airport (DCA) that was created by Congress in the 1980s.

Second, Amendment 147 would allow four new beyond perimeter exemptions to each carrier that commits to swap an inside perimeter slot to a large-hub airport to serve an airport within 25 miles of a military medical center that does not currently have service, exemptions that apply only to airports in San Antonio and San Diego.

Third, Amendment 147 would politicize the slot and perimeter rules at Reagan National Airport (DCA) by earmarking slots that can only be used to serve limited destinations that are predetermined by Congress.

Last, Amendment 147 sets a dangerous precedent of carving out predetermined markets for beyond perimeter exemptions, removing free-market business decisions from the carriers and placing the decision on which routes should be served in the hands of legislators.

The High-Density ("Slot") or Perimeter Rules governing flight operations at DCA are designed to both manage congestion at DCA and also balance traffic between DCA and IAD, the two airports in a single airport system.

Although the intent of Amendment 147 may be well-meaning, the amendment as currently drafted adversely affects communities with current service to DCA, as well as Dulles International Airport and the populations it serves.

This is because changes to the High-Density ("Slot") or Perimeter Rules governing flight operations at DCA will lead to secondary and tertiary effects on flight operations at airports around the nation.

For these reasons Amendment 147 is opposed by both International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, the largest airline union in the nation; and by American Airlines, one of the largest air carriers in the world.

I include in the RECORD a letter from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and urge all Members to join me in voting against Amendment 147 to H.R. 4.

APRIL 26, 2018.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, we strongly urge you to vote "NO" to the Cuellar No. 147 amendment to the FAA Reauthorization Act, H.R. 4 when it's considered. As the largest Airline Union in the United States, we believe this amendment will have a negative impact on the thousands of airline workers that we proudly represent in the local metropolitan Washington D.C. area. We oppose any changes to the perimeter rules governing flight operations at National Airport ("DCA") that could have a negative impact on our airline membership.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our position, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,

HASAN SOLOMON,
National Legislative Director.